

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheet includes new Fig. 10.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-6 and 9-13 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The drawings stand objected to for minor informalities.

Claims 7-8 and 14-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,423,099 to *Iversen*.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant proposes amending claims 7, 8, 15, 16 and 19 to further clarify the language thereof, and submitting new Fig. 10. Accordingly, claims 7, 8 and 14-20 are pending for further consideration (claims 1-6 and 9-13 being allowed).

Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the drawings have been objected to for not including the features recited in dependent claim 12.

Applicant herewith proposes submitting new Fig. 10, which shows the covering recited in dependent claim 12.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd Paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 7-8 and 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd Paragraph.

With regard to the objection to claims 7-8 and 14-20, Applicant proposes amending claims 7, 8, 15, 16 and 19 as shown above.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd Paragraph rejection of claims 7-8 and 14-20.

All Claims are Allowable

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-6 and 9-13 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,423,099 to *Iversen*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 7 for the following reasons.

Independent claim 7

With regard to claims 3-10, which were indicated as being allowable in the previous July 22, 2004 Office Action, Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indicated allowability of claims 3-10. Moreover, Applicant proposes adding the subject matter of claim 2, from which claims 7 and 8 originally depended, to rewritten independent claims 7 and 8, and therefore respectfully requests allowance of claims 7 and 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Applicant also requests the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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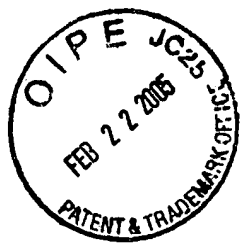
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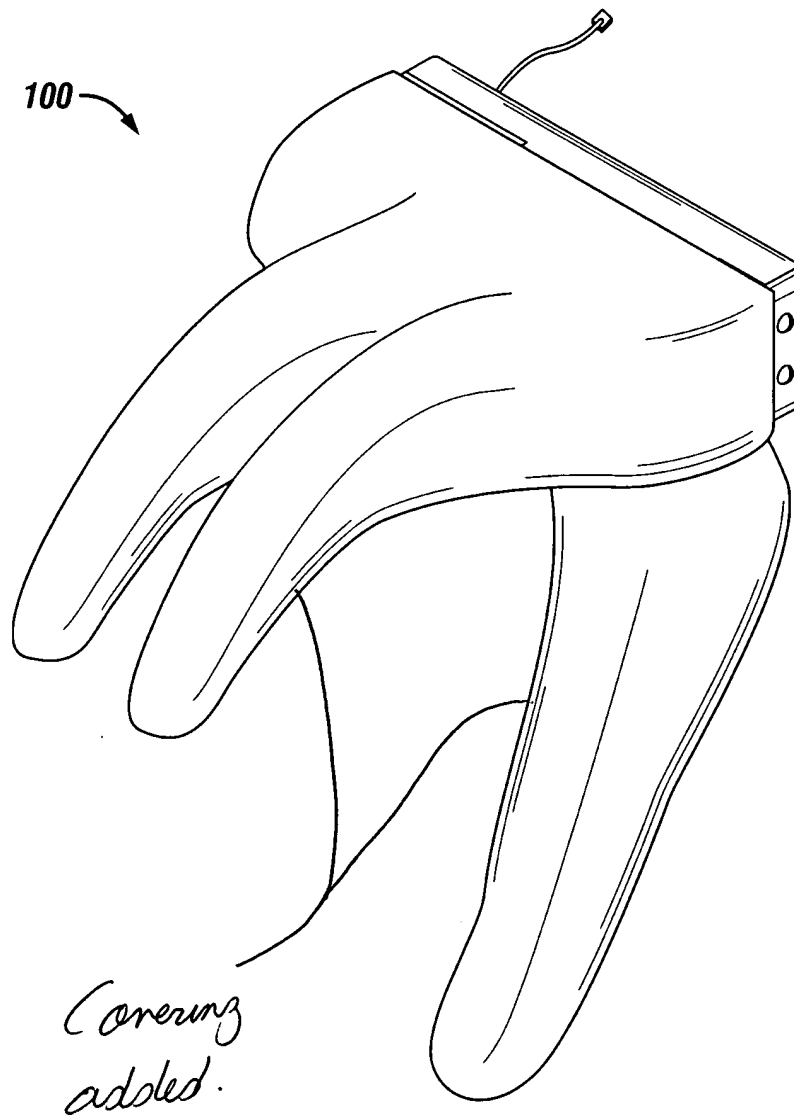


FIG. 10